



A Textual Outline of 2 John

A ¹The Elder, To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, ²and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth, ²because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever: ³Grace, mercy, *and* peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. ⁴I rejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, as we received a commandment from the Father.

B ⁵And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new **commandment** to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another. ⁶This is love, that we **walk** according to His **commandments**. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should **walk** in it.

C ⁷For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

B' ⁸Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward. ⁹Whoever transgresses and does not **abide** in the **doctrine** of Christ does not have God. He who **abides** in the **doctrine** of Christ has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If anyone comes to you and does not bring this **doctrine**, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; ¹¹for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

A' ¹²Having many things to write to you, I did not wish *to do so* with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full. ¹³The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.



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